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REMARKS

This application is a Continuation from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/591,757, filed June 12, 2000. Claims 1-8 from the parent application were canceled by Preliminary Amendment filed contemporaneously with the original filing on January 2, 2004. New claims 9-26 were added by the same amendment and are currently pending.

Applicants respectfully request that the present Office Action, rejecting canceled claims 1-8, be withdrawn, and the pending claims be examined in this application.

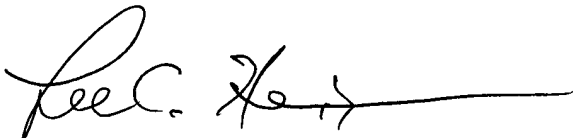
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